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**Prior Application Examiner:
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Classification Designation:

Prior Group Art Unit: 1723

**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing a continuation application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/763,719 filed December 13, 1996, entitled "Modified Atmosphere Package for Cut of Raw Meat (As Amended)" which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/627,137 filed April 3, 1996 entitled "Modified Atmosphere Package for Cut of Raw Meat".

- ☒ 1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 08/763,719 as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as

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originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

(a) ☒ The inventorship is the same as prior Application Serial No. 08/763,719.

(b) ☐ Deletion of inventor(s). Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

☒ 2. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the filing fee as calculated below and the fee for any new claims added in the Preliminary Amendment referred to in Clause No. 7 below.

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS CLAIMS CANCELED BELOW

| FOR | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | FEE |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Basic Fee ----- | | | | \$790.00 |
| Total Claims | 15 - 20 = | 0 X | \$22.00 = | \$ -0- |
| Independent Claims | 2 - 3 = | 0 X | \$82.00 = | \$ -0- |
| Multiple Dependent Claim(s) ----- | | | | \$ -0- |
| TOTAL FILING FEES: | | | | \$790.00 |

3. ☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status for this application.
- ☐ (a) A small entity statement is enclosed.
- ☐ (b) A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ (c) Small entity status is no longer claimed.
- ☒ 4. If the check is missing or insufficient, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 which may be required for any reason relating to this document, or credit any overpayment to Arnold, White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/PCOA:673--1.
- ☐ 5. Enclosed is a copy of the current Power of Attorney in the prior application.
- ☒ 6. Address all future communications to:
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- ☒ 6. The prior application is presently assigned to Tenneco Packaging Inc..
- ☒ 7. Enclosed is a preliminary amendment. Any additional fees incurred by this amendment are included in the check at No. 2 above and said fee has been calculated after calculation of claims and after amendment of claims by the preliminary amendment.
- ☒ 8. Cancel in this application claims 1 to 15 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

☒ 9. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a

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continuation of co-pending application Serial No. 08/763,719 filed December 13,
now patent 5,811,142,
1996, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No.
08/627,137 filed April 3, 1996, now patent 5,698,250.
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- ☒ 10. Enclosed are formal drawings.
- ☒ 11. An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.
- ☒ (a) PTO-1449.
- ☐ (b) Copies of IDS citations.
- ☐ 12. Other: _____.
- ☒ 13. Return Receipt Postcard (should be specifically itemized).

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